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In re Application of:

David A. Offord et al.

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Art Unit: 1774

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Examiner: not assigned

For: Composite Fibrous Substrates Having  
Protein Sheaths

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

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Applicants request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case, and that the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

Although the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three (3) months after the filing date of the subject application, it is filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits. Hence, it is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), and no fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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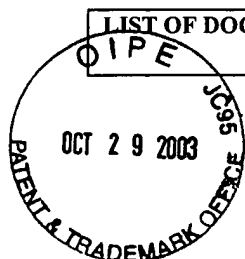
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